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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council on Thursday afternoon, the Hon. Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend The Fire Insurance Companies Ordinance 1908."—In doing so he said:—This Bill was passed through during the present year and as stated in the objects and reasons it was considered by the Board of Trade that the rights of creditors and shareholders were not being sufficiently safeguarded and provision is therefore made that if the company or any member or creditor feels aggrieved by the name of the company having been struck off the register the company, member or creditor, may apply to the court and the court if it is satisfied that it is just so to do may order the name of the company to be restored to the register. I may say, Sir, that it is based generally on the Life Insurance Companies Ordinance of 1907 passed last year. It puts the two ordinances on a similar footing with the exception that it extends the right of the company. It creates practically a uniformity and the same power is proposed to be exercised in the other small bill before the Council generally amending the Companies Ordinance.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a second time.

The Council then went into committee on the bill.

The Hon. Attorney-General moved that the bill be read a third time.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a third time and passed.

INTERPRETATION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

The Hon. Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend The Interpretation Ordinance 1897 and to remove an ambiguity in the construction of the same. In doing so he said:—The object of this Bill is to keep in force the right to bring any action for criminal conversation. I may say, Sir, it is purely a legal point and in order to give effect to decisions of the Supreme Court to maintain the right for an action for criminal conversation in this colony because no power to bring divorce proceedings exist. I may say that the Bill was very carefully considered. It was somewhat technical and required careful consideration. Its object is to give effect to decisions of the Supreme Court.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a second time.

The Council then went into committee on the bill.

The Hon. Attorney-General moved that the bill be read a third time.

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COMPANIES' ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

The Hon. Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to further amend the Companies Ordinance 1865. He said:—The object of this Bill extends to creditors of a company the same right as a company or its members possess in the case of a defunct company being struck off the register, under the Companies Ordinance 1865. Provision is laid down as regards the striking a defunct company off the register and gives to a member of such company, power to apply to the court. It has been deemed advisable that that power should also be extended to a creditor of the company. Where proceedings are taken and a company is struck off the register it has been deemed desirable that a creditor of the company should have the same right and privilege of going to court as the company.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a second time.

The Council then went into committee on the bill.

The Hon. Attorney moved that it be read a third time.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the bill was read a third time and passed.

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&c., at Mr Geo. F. Lammer's Sales
Rooms.

Amusements.

8 p.m.—Concert at Praya East Hotel.

9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

General Memoranda.

MONDAY, December 14.—

9 p.m.—Bazaar at City Hall.

Goods per Manchuria undelivered at
noon on this date subject to rent.Goods per India undelivered after this
date subject to rent.Goods per French India, undelivered after
this date at Noon will be subject to
rent and landing charges.

TUESDAY, December 15.—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Curios,
at Mr Geo. F. Lammer's Sales Rooms.

WEDNESDAY, December 16.—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Silk
Embroideries, &c., at Messrs Hughes &
Hough's Sales Rooms.

9 p.m.—Concert at St. Andrew's Hall.

THURSDAY, December 17.—

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, at No. 55, Elgin Terrace.Goods per Argentina undelivered after this
date subject to rent.Goods per Delta not cleared at 4 p.m. on
this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, December 18.—

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, &c., at "Hollywood," Des Vaux
Road, Kowloon.

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1908.

DISQUEETING FIGURES.

Figures, we were assured in our school-
days, could be made to prove anything
so ducile were they in the hands of
skilful manipulators. Last month the
Statistical Abstract for the United
Kingdom appeared, showing the re-
markable advances made during the
past 15 years in every department of the
nation's affairs. Here we have figures
that can be adapted to any good or evil
scheme which the mind of the mathe-
matician can devise. Yet whether it
takes up an optimistic or a pessimistic
attitude regarding them, the
masses of figures spread over the
pages of which the book is com-
posed give food for much sober thought.
begin with, they show that there has
been an enormous growth in the
revenue and that this growth has
been accompanied by an increase in
public expenditure along the
outgoings from the same place as
have leaped upward. Here are
figures to alarm moderate eyes, with
some of the figures—

	1907-8	1908-9
National revenue	£82,106,637,690	£82,106,637,690
From estate du-	£28,107,000	£28,107,000
ties	£28,107,000	£28,107,000
Income-tax	£1,000,000	£1,000,000
Post Office	£4,200,000	£4,200,000
Telegraphs	£5,340,223	£5,340,223
Post Office	£5,340,223	£5,340,223

So far the figures are

satisfactory but, when we turn to the
other side of the account we find that
the national expenditure on elementary
education alone has risen during the last
15 years from £8,500,000 to £15,500,000.

During the same period the cost of the
Civil Service has grown from just over
£0,000,000 to nearly £10,000,000, and
the military and naval expenditure from
£23,000,000 to £56,000,000.

For the financial year 1908-09 (the
year previous to the South African war)
there was a small realised surplus
—£180,000—but in the Budget for the
following year—which it must be
remembered, was framed during times
of peace—a deficit of about £2,350,000
was shown. This deficit was entirely
due to a great growth in ordinary
expenditure especially as regards the
amount devoted to the Army and
Navy. So far from the revenue
having contracted then, a further large
expansion was anticipated, and the
deficit referred to was entirely due
to the estimates of expenditure being
increased by about £5,000,000. Sir
MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH, then Chancellor
of the Exchequer, drew the serious
attention of the House to this necessary
but ever-increasing expansion in the
national expenditure, and indicated
pretty plainly that the matter was one
which would have to engage the
closest attention of Chancellors of
the Exchequer in coming years as
to the best means for raising
fresh revenue. Unfortunately, this
Conservative Chancellor himself showed
very little courage in facing the
question, and was content to meet his
deficit by reducing the amount paid for
the redemption of the National Debt by
£2,000,000, and by a few trifling
increases in the stamp and wine duties.

In the autumn of 1899 the whole
position was changed by reason of the
outbreak of the South African war, and
instead of the financial year closing
with a small surplus, there was a deficit
of nearly 14 millions sterling, while the
further deficit of about 10 millions
deducting 4½ millions from the Sinking
Fund and increasing taxation to the
extent of over 13 millions this deficit
was partly met in the Budget, but so
rapidly did the war expenditure
increase that, in spite of the new
taxation, the year closed with a deficit
of about £3 millions, which was met by
borrowing. In the following year
further taxation and growing became
necessary by reason of the war, while in
the Budget for 1903 the maximum
of expenditure was reached, the estimate
for that year being 193 millions, as
compared with an estimate of 111
millions in 1899-1900—the year
previous to the war. The means
employed for meeting the special
extra war expenditure was, first, by loans
about 15 millions being raised through
this means while about £47,000,000
was raised through increased direct
taxation. Such was the position
of affairs down to the year
1905, when, for the first time
since the war, the position became
the year ending with a small
surplus. From that time onwards each
year was characterised by remission
of taxation, the result at the present
time being that since 1905 there has
been a reduction of about 7½ millions
in indirect taxation and 2 millions in
direct taxation, while, comparing the
position with the maximum of taxation
occasioned by the war, the total
remission of indirect taxation has
amounted to about 15 millions and of
direct taxation to about 2 millions.

The present fiscal year is expected to
close with a very big deficit, owing
to the Old Age Pension scheme
turning out more expensive than
the Radical party at first anticipated,
and the falling off in revenue due to
trade generally. How the position
is met, Mr. Lloyd George, the Under-
secretary of the Exchequer, alone knows.
He warns the nation, like other Chancel-
lors before him, that a limit must be
placed on the national expenditure, like
most of his predecessors he greets the
use of the pruning-knife with a
sigh.

lose support at the polls. Yet some-
thing must be done, and done quickly
if an unpleasant catastrophe is to be
averted. Of course the present depres-
sion in trade will pass and another era
of prosperity will dawn, but that does
not warrant the nation in continuing its
mad policy of drawing unlimited drafts
on the chances of the future. Besides,
we are becoming more and more depen-
dant upon other countries for our food
supplies, another very disquieting fea-
ture, as the following table shows:—

FOOD IMPORTS FOR THE RESPECTIVE YEARS.

	1903	1907
Wheat (wheat)	66,441,083	97,163,000
Live oxen and bulls	377,038	464,124
Live sheep and lambs	72,861	105,621
Beef (cwt.)	1,838,051	6,735,083
Mutton (cwt.)	1,971,400	4,678,522
Pork (cwt.)	5,156,887	5,865,403
Butter (cwt.)	2,227,474	4,210,165
Cheese (cwt.)	2,207,452	2,372,253
Eggs (cwt.)	1,302,519,000	2,225,145,000
Apples (bushels)	3,459,994 cwt.	3,528,292
Bananas (bunches)	5,525,126	5,525,126
Onions (bushels)	4,871,820	5,045,018
Potatoes (cwt.)	5,232,155	8,249,266

Certainly these figures make one
pause to wonder where Great Britain is
drifting to.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Sporting notes, and the teams for to-
morrow's matches, cricket and football,
will be found on Page 8.

For entering a house at Shaikwan
and stealing six bags of seed, a shop coolie
was, at the Magistracy to-day, sentenced
to six months' hard labour by Mr J. R.
Wood.

A boatwoman of a licensed passenger
boat was fined \$25 at the Marine Court,
to-day, by the Hon. Commander Basil
Taylor, R.N., for unlawfully carrying nine
passengers in excess of the number allowed.

For returning from banishment a
native was to-day sentenced to six months
hard labour at the Magistracy, and
for stealing wood the same man will undergo
a month's imprisonment. Mr J. H. Kemp
was the magistrate.

A native timber merchant was to-day
charged at the Magistracy with having been
in unlawful possession of 300 logs of pine
timber, valued \$600, and also a quantity of
other timber, valued \$300. Mr J. R.
Gardiner defended, and the case was
remanded.

The Chief Justice, Sir Francis Pigott,
reserved his decision at the Supreme Court,
to-day, in a case involving a claim for
damages and a counter claim by defendant for
the return of his security of \$55,000 and
interest.

The celebrated band of the S. M. S.
Fuerst Bismarck gave a capital programme
of music during and after dinner at the
Oriental Hotel on Thursday evening. The
spacious dining room was crowded, many
being unable to gain admission and the
several numbers were very well received.
The vanderah was tastefully festooned for
the occasion by Mrs. Matthey, with flags
of all nations.

An able seaman of H.M.S. King
Alfred was playing a game on Chinese
premises yesterday when he felt some one
tugging at his pocket. On looking down
he discovered that a sharp cut had been
made in his clothes, and a native cool was
holling his hand so as to catch the money
which was falling out. On a search being
made the native was found to have six
dollars of the money in his possession; and
at the Magistracy to-day he was sentenced
to six weeks' hard labour, by Mr J. R.
Wood.

An interesting sale of work was held
at No. 1, College Gardens, this afternoon,
when the several stalls were laden with a
large assortment of fancy work, children's
clothing, toys, lacquer and silver ware and
carved wood, etc., besides goods left over
from the M.C.L. Bazaar. The proceeds of
Mrs. Bunbury's stall are to be given to the
funds of the C.M.S. Training School, St.
Paul's College, and the proceeds of other
stalls are to be devoted to the Ministering
Children's League Institutions. The bazaar
was under the patronage of His Excellency
the Governor.

A number of prettily designed calendars
and blotters for 1909 reach us from various
sources. Amongst these are those for-
warded by Messrs. Melchers and Co., on
half of the Royal Insurance Co., Ltd.;
others from Messrs. Sassoon and Co., as
agents of the Queen Insurance Co., Ltd.;
and from Messrs. Arnhold, Karberg and
Co., as representing the Lancashire
Insurance Co., Ltd.; while still others are
sent by the Victoria Dispensary, and the
agents of the Osaka Mercantile Co., Ltd.;
and of the Allbings (Hamburg) Assurance
Co.

ORMBELAIN'S COUGH-REMEDY
IN SOUTH AFRICA.

M. S. Schneider, of Koffeyfontein, O.
R. O., is very grateful to the manu-
facturers of Ormbelain's Cough Remedy.
He has found that it cures his children, as
well himself of their coughs and colds.
They were all coughing and got no relief
until this remedy was used. Many parents
have made this same discovery. There is
nothing better for coughs, cold and croup,
and as it contains no injurious substances,
there is no danger in giving it to the chil-
dren. For sale by all chemists and store-
keepers.

HOME POLITICS.

Feeling must be running dangerously
high when the Liberals petition the Premier
to appeal to the country. The opinion of
the Cabinet, however, is to stick to office
as long as possible, and if Mr. Buxton, the
Postmaster General, voices the feelings of
his colleagues there will be no dissolution
for at least two years. Speaking at the
National Liberal Club recently he said that
the Government refused to be dictated to
by the House of Lords in regard to an
appeal to the country. Since then how-
ever the Government have had their
Licencing Bill thrown out by the Lords, the
Education Bill has been withdrawn, the
Scottish Land Bill also, so that matters
may be wearing a different complexion
now.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr and Mrs. R. Bellis returned to the
Colony by the English Mail this morning.

Bishop Hendrick, of Manila, arrived in
Hongkong this morning on his way to the
Philippines.

Among the arrivals by the Delta were
Mr and Mrs. J. H. Scott. Mr Scott, the
head of Butterfield and Swire, is paying a
long promised visit to the Far East.

Dr J. C. Thomson will deliver a lecture
at the Y.M.C.A. rooms to-night on "The
Romance of Lowland Scotland"; illustrated
by lantern views and Scottish story. The
public are cordially invited.

Reuter wires from Mombassa that,
owing to the Congo State having practically
ceased to administer Lado, European
hunters have hemmed in eight thousand
elephants and are shooting the males.
They are reaping large profits.

After 17 years' service in the Hong-
kong Police, Inspector Ritchie has retired
on pension, and leaves for home to-day.
He was formerly a member of the Edin-
burgh Police, which he joined in 1886.
He leaves the Colony with the good wishes
of all his colleagues.

Another Indian Mutiny veteran has
passed away in the person of Lieut. General
Sir Henry Wilkinson. Born in 1837, the
son of a clergyman, he entered the Army
in 1856, served through the Indian Mutiny,
and later rose to the command of the 18th
Lancers. In 1880 he commanded the
Cavalry Brigade operating in Afghanistan
and later took command of the Buzard
Field Force. After service in the Egyptian
campaign of 1882, he held high command
in India and later in the N. E. district of
England. He retired in 1894.

DEATH OF SIR EWEN

We regret to announce the death of Sir
Ewen Cameron, who for years was principal
manager with Sir Thomas Jackson, in
London, of the Hongkong and Shanghai
Banking Corporation, news of which sad
event was received by the Hongkong and
Shanghai Bank to-day, in consequence of
which the house-flag was flying at half-
mast.

The late Sir Ewen Cameron, who had
been in failing health for a considerable
time, and had undergone four operations,
had expressed his intention of presiding at
the annual bank dinner in London, but the
news of his death was hardly unexpected.

In 1906 the late Sir Ewen Cameron,
K.C.M.G., F.R.G.S., was created a
Knight. He was born in 1841, being the
eldest son of the late Mr William Cameron,
Muckorie, Invernesshire, and in 1878 he
married Josephine, daughter of the late
Mr John Houschen, of Thorford, Norfolk.
To him is largely due the great success
which attended the career of the Hongkong
and Shanghai Bank in its early days, and
it is difficult to estimate the enormous amount
of work he did for this big institution,
particularly during the years he served in
Shanghai. He will be sincerely mourned
by hosts of friends.

TO THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY.

IN ordering household supplies, don't
forget to lay in a supply of Chamber-
lain's Cough Remedy. You may not need
it now but you are almost sure to before
the winter is over. It never fails in case
of croup. For sale by all chemists and
storekeepers.

THE SHANGHAI LIBEL
ACTION.

HEAVY DAMAGES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shipping.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS FOR MARSEILLES & LONDON.

TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &c. THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

Steamers	Leave to	Connecting Steamers	Due at	Due at
	Hongkong	from Colombo to	Marseilles (Brindisi 2 days earlier)	London (1 day later)
DEVANHA	Dec. 12	HIMALAYA	Jan. 9	Jan. 16
DELTA	Dec. 19	MONGOLIA	Jan. 23	Jan. 28
ASSAYE	Dec. 26	INDIA	Feb. 6	Feb. 13
DELHI	Jan. 2	VICTORIA	Feb. 20	Feb. 27
DEVANHA	Jan. 9	MOREA	Mar. 6	Mar. 13
BRITANNIA	Jan. 16	MOULTAN	Mar. 20	Mar. 27
DELTA	Jan. 23	CHINA	Apr. 3	Apr. 10
MACEDONIA	Jan. 30	MAIWA	Apr. 17	Apr. 24
DELHI	Feb. 6	MONGOLIA	May 1	May 8
DEVANHA	Feb. 13		May 15	May 22

Passengers change steamers at Colombo, and those for Brindisi transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at Port Said. Accommodation in the connecting steamer from Colombo is arranged in Hongkong at time of booking.

In addition to the above Mail Steamers the following—

INTERMEDIATE (Non-Transit) STEAMERS WILL LEAVE FOR

LONDON, CARRYING SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES.

Steamers	Leave to	Due at
	Hongkong	London
* SICILIA	Dec. 12	Feb. 14
* NILE	Dec. 19	Feb. 21
* SUNDIA	Dec. 26	Feb. 28
* NYANJA	Jan. 2	Mar. 5
* MALTA	Jan. 9	Mar. 12
* NOE	Jan. 16	Mar. 19

* These steamers call also at Singapore, Penang, Colombo, and at Malta or Marseilles.

* Carry 1st and 2nd Saloon Passengers.

For further particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

PORTLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.

FOR MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, SHIMIZU, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU AND SAN FRANCISCO en route to PORTLAND.

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.

Steamers	Tons	Captain	To Sail on
NICO MEDIA	4371	P. WAGMANN	December 16, at Noon.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

S. SILVERSTONE, Agent.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN L.I.J.N.

REGULAR THREE-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

Steamers	From	Expected on or about	Will leave for	On or about
TJIBODAS	JAPAN	First half of December.	JAVA	First half of December.
TJIPANAS	JAVA	Do.	SHANGHAI	Do.
TJILWONG	JAPAN	First half of January.	JAVA	First half of January.
TJIKINI	JAVA	Do.	JAPAN	Do.
TJIMARI	JAVA	Do.	SHANGHAI	Do.
TJILATJAP	JAVA	First half of February.	SHANGHAI	First half of February.

THE Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Northern-Indian ports on through Bills of Lading.

For Particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN L.I.J.N.

Yokohama, 1st Floor. Hongkong, September 24, 1908.

HONGKONG-MANILA.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila. Saloon and Stowage. Electric Light, Electric Light, and Stewards' service. All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Date
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila	SAURDAY, Dec. 12, at Noon.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila	Dec. 19, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

Shewan, Tomes & Co., General Managers.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE Attention of Advertisers is drawn to the latest House for receiving Advertisements and Corrections to Advertisements. Alterations and additions to Advertisements on Page 2, 3, 4 and 7, should be sent to our Office at 5, Wyndham Street, not later than 11 a.m. New Advertisements should be sent to our Office at 5, Wyndham Street before 3 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL, Ltd.

Shipping.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

S.S. 'MAEDONIA,' 10,500 tons.

CAPTAIN C. D. BENNETT, R.N.R.

THIS THROUGH MAIL STEAMER FOR MARSEILLES AND LONDON, Via BOMBAY.

WILL leave Hongkong on MARCH 20th, 1909, staying at Bombay 24 hours only and is due to arrive at—

MARSEILLES... April 17th.
LONDON... April 24th.

FARES TO LONDON:—
1st Saloon... £71.10 Single. £106.14 Return.
2nd... £48.8... £72.12

For further Particulars apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, November 25, 1908.

THE AMERICAN AND ORIENTAL LINE.

FOR BOSTON & NEW YORK.

(With liberty to call at MALABAR COAST)

THE Steamer TUDOR PRINCE, Captain Macdonald, will be despatched for the above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 18th December, 1908.

For Freight, apply to J. H. HARRIS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, November 11, 1908.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

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STEAMER ERNEST SIMONS.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London or a.s. Dunkerque and Medoc; from Dordrecht, at a.s. Pile de Graveline and Pile de Dunkerque in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasures and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignee before 6 p.m. To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bill of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 14th December, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 14th December, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 14th December, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. NALIN, Agent.

Hongkong, December 7, 1908.

PAUFIQ MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU, AND SHANGHAI.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship MANCHURIA.

The above-named Vessel having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo impeding discharge of the vessel will be discharged at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after 5 p.m., THURSDAY, Dec. 10th, 1908, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All cargo undelivered on MONDAY, 14th Dec., 1908, at 12 Noon will be subject to rent.

All shod and otherwise damaged cargo will be examined at the above Company's Godowns on THURSDAY, 12th December, at 10 a.m.

S. SILVERSTONE, Agent.

Hongkong, December 7, 1908.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE H.A.L. Steamship ARAGONIA, Captain Meyer, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before To-day.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th of December, will be subject to rent.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th of December, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE.

Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, December 10, 1908.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM EUROPE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship ARAGONIA, Captain Meyer, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before To-day.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 14th last, will be subject to rent.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th of December, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE.

Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, December 7, 1908.

Dentistry.

DR. HARRY FONG, AMERICAN TRAINED DENTIST.

Electrical and Latest Improved Appliances.

41, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, November 18, 1908.

LABUAN COAL.

THE LABUAN COALFIELDS COMPANY, LTD., are now prepared to bunker steamers at LABUAN with good fresh quality LABUAN COAL, double screened and straight from the mines.

For further particulars, apply to BRADLEY & CO., Agents.

Telegraphic Address: "LABOR LABUAN,"

Hongkong, February 10, 1908.

HOW TO DO MORE BUSINESS.

MANY AMERICANS have built up a great commercial enterprise, by the use of Trade-marks and Labels, and you will be able to do the same if you follow American methods.

We clip business news from more than 50,000 papers monthly, and send these news to you while there is good prospect of supplying what is needed and doing business.

We can send you news and clippings on any line of business, or any subject, and you will be able to do the same if you follow American methods.

Suppose, for instance, you are a maker of Pottery, and you want to know what the American Pottery business is like, and where there are openings for Offense merchandise.

We can send you a list of names of makers of Pottery, and you can see what they are doing, and you will be able to do the same if you follow American methods.

We can do just the same in any line of business, for there is always something doing that it might pay Chinese merchants to know.

We supply you with advertisements and manufacturers, so that you may assimilate their ideas and increase your business in China the way we do here.

To avoid delay, send ten dollars (Mar.) for one month's trial order. Subsequent rates can be determined according to service.

It won't cost any money to send for our free Book which tells all about our service and how much it costs. Send for it to-day.

Consular references.

INTERNATIONAL PRESS CLIPPING BUREAU.

DEARBORN STREET, CHICAGO, ILL. U.S.A.

Hongkong, September 24, 1907.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m. to 7.30 a.m.—Every 30 minutes.

7.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.—Every 15 minutes.

8.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.—Every 15 minutes.

11.00 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.—Every 15 minutes.

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